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the SSC, dated May 14, 1975,

requesting certain documents and other info from
the FBI. In Appendix C, Part 1, Item 14, the

SSC requested all memoranda and other materials

in the possession of the FBI pertaining to the
activities of the Intelligence Evaluation Commite

A copy of the memo with its attachments is being

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Memorandum

TO : Mr. Bishop

DATE: 11-25-70

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: ROBERT C. MARDIAN
ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL
INTERNAL SECURITY DIVISION
MEETING WITH THE DIRECTOR
11-25-70

In accordance with arrangements approved by the Director, Mr. Mardian conferred with Mr. Hoover in Mr. Hoover's Office this morning. At the outset of their meeting Mr. Hoover advised Mr. Mardian that the failure of the Internal Security Division of the Department of Justice to take action on numerous occasions where action was clearly indicated, based on the results of FBI reports, has been of deep concern to the Bureau. The Director noted that while prosecution is not the business of the FBI, that we are an investigative agency, nevertheless there have been instances where reports contained results of investigations that clearly called for prosecutive action, and none was had.

Mr. Hoover observed that the Internal Security Division of the Department of Justice was one sector of the Department that was in bad need of revitalizing. Mr. Mardian said that he was in total agreement with Mr. Hoover, and that he, Mardian, intended to take appropriate action in this regard.

The Director noted that he hoped that matters concerning the Black Panthers, Students for a Democratic Society and the Weathermen would eventually be the responsibility of Mr. Mardian's Internal Security Division. Mardian indicated that plans were going forward to do precisely this at the present time.

Mr. Mardian observed that he intended to resolve all doubts regarding prosecution of persons who have violated laws having a bearing on this country's internal security in favor of prosecution wherever and whenever possible.

In this regard Mr. Mardian advised that he intended to put together a Task Force to develop new strategy and ideas for prosecuting people who represent a threat to this country's internal security. He noted that he anticipated as the result of this Task Force new legislation would be recommended where present legislation is now inadequate, that efforts would be made to have prosecution where state laws

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having a bearing on such matters are violated. Mardian requested of Mr. Hoover the cooperation of the Bureau, should there be any requests for guidance or recommendations by this Task Force when it is formed. The Director assured Mr. Mardian that the Bureau would be of assistance whenever possible.

Mardian noted that he was extremely interested in how some of the dissident elements in this country are being funded and was particularly interested in a \$25,000 donation recently made by the son of the President of Paramount Studios to the Black Panthers, particularly since as noted by Mr. Hoover, this individual has thus far this year made contributions totalling \$75,000. Mardian noted that he is attempting to set up a high liaison with the Internal Revenue Service in order to be able to promptly determine, as in this case, and in others like it, whether the individual's income tax return supports the contributions made.

Mr. Mardian expressed his aggravation in connection with the above cited matter, noting that the Internal Revenue Service refused to furnish him the information requested and has requested a letter detailing the purpose of his inquiry.

Mardian stated that he feels there must be a new approach with respect to matters of this sort -- to expedite receipt of information and to preclude leaks in order that prosecution might be had. Mardian recalled a situation involving a friend of the former President Johnson where he made an inquiry of Internal Revenue and the inquiry obviously came to the attention of the party in whom he had an interest.

Mardian advised Mr. Hoover that he proposed to eventually initiate inquiries of Internal Revenue regarding honoraria received by various dissidents speaking on college campuses. He said he suspects that the money these individuals receive for such appearances may be a cover for channelling funds to dissident organizations which the speakers represent.

In this regard, Mardian cited the University of Texas which has some 30,000 students, as a case in point. He noted that the student body has more recently become disenchanted and apathetic with respect to elections of student officers and consequently, in elections recently held, only 800 students actually voted as a consequence of which dissidents were able to get their own slate into office. According to Mardian the student officers administer a fund of some \$50,000 in activities fees obtained from the students at the beginning of the school year. \$25,000 of this is usually spent to defray expenses for an annual homecoming rodeo on the campus. Recently, according to Mardian, the rodeo was cancelled and in

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its place the student officers have inaugurated a program of inviting dissident guest speakers to appear on campus and fees up to \$3,000 are being paid. Mardian suspects that in this manner funds originally obtained for other purposes are being systematically channeled to dissidents and their organizations.

Mardian expressed his concern with the State Department noting that the Department of Justice is now receiving from State pressure to enlarge the bond of Igor A. Ivanov, a convicted espionage agent who is presently at liberty pending an appeal before the Supreme Court. Mardian noted that it is the State Department's wish that Ivanov's bond be changed in order that he may be permitted to return to Russia for a visit. Mardian stated that he is leaving no stone unturned to thwart the State Department's efforts in this regard.

The Director briefed Mardian concerning the many problems had with the State Department over the years with the respect to our efforts to have espionage agents prosecuted and persons who have diplomatic immunity declared persona non grata, when such individuals have been caught engaging in espionage activities against the United States. On the subject of the State Department, the Director mentioned the problems had with respect to the implementation of the President's desire to have more FBI coverage overseas. Mr. Hoover noted it took from September 1957 until just a few days ago to get the State Department concurrence and only after the intervention of Mr. Henry Kissinger, Advisor to the President.

Mr. Mardian noted the inconsistencies he has experienced with State where on one hand, they want a convicted Russian espionage agent namely, Ivanov afforded greater freedom to travel and on the other hand, they demand that Orlando Bosch not be permitted to be released on bond for fear of impairing our relationship with Castro Cuba. Mardian confidentially advised that he is taking some steps both the scenes to secure Bosch's release on bond.

Mr. Hoover noted that with respect to Soviet Russia, peaceful coexistence of this country with the United States is an "absolute lie" since the Russians continue to accelerate their espionage activities against us. In addition, the Director noted that the Communist Party, USA, receives 2 million dollars a year from Soviet Russia for its activities.

The Director also noted that with respect to the Consular Treaty which was enacted with the Soviets, greater difficulties are going to be encountered by the FBI in covering activities of the Soviets in this country. The Director indicated

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that it has come to his attention that an individual designated by ^{the} Soviets to open a consular office in San Francisco was ejected from Greece because of his espionage activities. The Director advised Mr. Mardian how he had been misquoted with respect to his views concerning the passage of the Consular Treaty noting that he never made a statement opposing it, but merely cited the investigative problems that would be encountered by the Bureau if the Russians were permitted to open consulates in various parts of the United States.

The Director advised Mardian that he is firmly of the opinion that foreign espionage agents, when found out, should be prosecuted and appropriately punished for their activities. Mr. Mardian said he heartily agreed.

Mr. Hoover noted that in the past, the Department of Justice has always yielded and deferred to State with respect to such matters. Mardian advised that he hoped that this would change with his administration of the Internal Security Division. The Director at this point noted the problems the Bureau has had in the past even with the Internal Security Division in our efforts to get prompt replies where inquiries have been made by the Bureau. Mardian stated it is his earnest hope that he could effect changes in the Internal Security Division which would preclude problems of this sort in the future.

At this point in their conversation, Mr. Mardian stated he had two matters that he wanted to mention to the Director concerning which he wished to solicit the Director's cooperation and guidance.

He advised that he has been commissioned by the President to put together an Interdepartmental Intelligence Unit for the purpose of pooling information received from the various intelligence agencies and based on the evaluation of such information, it is hoped that this Unit might eventually be able to predict with some degree of accuracy, demonstrations, criminal acts which might be committed by dissidents and others whose goals are inimical to our Government.

For the purpose of establishing this Interdepartmental Intelligence Unit, Mr. Mardian said he hoped that each intelligence organization to be included would designate a "top man" who will work with the Unit. He indicated that the Unit will work out of the White House, that special space is being obtained in Federal office building number seven adjacent to the White House and that Mr. John Ehrlichmann has advised Mardian that an individual named Morell Sharp, a former Supreme Court Justice from the State of Washington, is being designated to work with the Unit for the next six months pending his reappointment to the Supreme Bench in Washington, it being noted that he lost his place on the Bench in the recent elections.

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Mardian advised Mr. Hoover that Sharp is an excellent man with outstanding credentials. Bufiles reflect no information on Sharp. He is currently under investigation by the Bureau in connection with his appointment as Consultant to the Attorney General.

The Director assured Mr. Mardian of the Bureau's full cooperation and indicated that a Bureau representative would be designated to work with the Unit.

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Mr. Mardian stated the second matter which he wished to mention to the Director was the fact that he has also been commissioned by the White House to form a Task Force to decide what our Government's response will be should there ever be a kidnaping of a Government official such as there was in Canada recently. Mardian stated that it is his earnest hope that the Task Force, when it is formed and confers, will recommend no response be made to the demands of would be abductors and that this policy, if established, be given full disclosure in the press, in the hope that it will serve as a deterrent.

In response to a request by Mardian for the Director's opinion concerning this matter, the Director noted that he shared Mardian's views and felt that plans must be formulated in anticipation of possible kidnapings since it is not realistic to take the position they will not occur in this country.

Just prior to the conclusion of their talk, Mr. Mardian expressed concern over Frank Sinatra's recent association with Governor Ronald Reagan of California and advised Mr. Hoover that efforts on his, Mardian's, part and those of Lyn Nofziger, of the White House, to convince Reagan of Sinatra's unsavory background have been met by disbelief.

Mr. Hoover noted that he is well acquainted with Governor Reagan and that the next time he is in touch with him, he will brief him concerning Sinatra. Mardian stated that he appreciates Mr. Hoover's offer to do this since, while Reagan is not inclined to believe Mardian or Nofziger, even though they are close friends, he most certainly will believe Mr. Hoover.

Mardian said that he is of the opinion that Reagan has sought a relationship with Sinatra to dim his own image of being a right wing conservative. Mardian noted that one of Reagan's biggest financial supporters, Taft Schreiber, President of the Music Corporation of America, served as actor's agent to both Reagan and Sinatra several years back.

